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NEW KINGSTON HARBOUR BRINGS CITY TO THE LAKE

A \$13 million project over two years will help to realise a long-held vision to make Canberra a lively city on the waterfront.

ACT Planning Minister Simon Corbell today announced that the Land Development Agency would shortly commence construction to realign the lake edge at East Basin to build the new Kingston boat harbour.

“This will help to realise the *Canberra Plan* efforts to add to the vibrancy of the city, provide high quality recreational, residential and business opportunities in key locations and respect and enhance our landscape and environment,” Mr Corbell said.

“The \$13 million initiative over two years will provide extensive foreshore parklands, a new boat harbour for commercial operators, rowers and other lake users, and a harbour promenade stretching from Kingston to the Parliamentary Triangle adjacent to the proposed restaurants and cafes.

“The Kingston harbour project will add to the area’s unique lifestyle by bringing the precinct’s cosmopolitan life to the waterfront. Walter Burley Griffin always saw East Basin, and Eastlake as he called it, as a residential community on the lakeshores of an active harbour. The Kingston harbour project will deliver a contemporary interpretation of that vision as part of the Kingston Foreshore project being managed by the Land Development Agency.”

Mr Corbell said the project would also create new opportunities to promote Lake Burley Griffin and Canberra’s national institutions as a tourist destination.

Construction is expected to start early in the 2004-05 financial year and be complete by mid-2006.

**Images of how the development will look and be set out are available.
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